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1. SUMMARY: MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MET TO FINALIZE  
SECTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT ON  
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. IN SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETING  
DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELS MET WITH INDIAN, MEXICAN, AND  
BRAZILIAN DELS TO INTRODUCE DRAFTS TO THEM. LDC'S WERE  
RECEPTIVE TO DRAFTS BUT DEVOTED THEIR DISCUSSION LARGELY  
TO INSISTENCE ON NEED OF SUBSTANTIAL S AND D IN GP CODE.  
END SUMMARY.

2. IN NOVEMBER 25 MEETING HOSTED BY U.S. DEL (NEWKIRK),  
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MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (U.S., EC, NORDICS, CANADA,  
JAPAN, SWITZERLAND) MET TO PUT TOGETHER ELEMENTS OF  
NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED BY GATT SECRETARIAT.  
SESSION WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO BEST MEANS OF INCLUDING  
SECTIONS ON SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND  
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. LITTLE TIME WAS SPENT IN DISCUSSING  
PREVIOUS SECTIONS ALREADY SENT TO WASHINGTON. U.S. DEL

ADDED INTO TENDERING PROCEDURES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS SECTIONS INDICATED IN REFTEL. WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, IT WAS AGREED TO ADD A SEPARATE SECTION UTILIZING IN BRACKETS EC DRAFT LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY TABLED IN SUBGROUP. AN ADDITIONAL DRAFT, ALSO BRACKETED, WAS SUBMITTED BY NORDICS. THIS DRAFT INCLUDES A GRADUATION SECTION AND IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT TABLED BY NORDICS IN STANDARDS CODE. WITH REGARD TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH COUNTRY WISHING TO SUBMIT DRAFT TEXT WOULD DO SO IN SEPARATE ALTERNATIVE SECTIONS. ALL DELS STRONGLY OPPOSED NEED FOR INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND FINAL PROVISIONS. BOTH CUSTOMS UNION SECTIONS ALSO EXCLUDED FOR TIME BEING. FINAL TEXTS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY TYPED, BUT SHOULD BE READY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. TEXT WILL THEN BE FORWARDED TO GATT SECRETARIAT WHO WILL PUT IT INTO A GATT DOCUMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION BY SECRETARIAT AS A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT.

3. MAJOR DELS AGREED THAT BEST MEANS OF INCORPORATING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INTO THE WORK OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD BE TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH THOSE COUNTRIES MOST VOCALLY INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE. ACCORDINGLY, A MEETING WAS HOSTED BY SWISS DEL FOR INDIA, MEXICO, AND BRAZIL TO EXPLAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRESS OF DRAFTING SESSIONS AND INTENTIONS FOR MEETING DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE. (JAMAICAN DEL WAS ALSO INVITED BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND). DELS WERE RECEPTIVE TO THE TEXT BUT WERE EMPHATIC IN NOTING THAT S AND D MUST BE INTEGRATED IN A SUBSTANTIAL MANNER INTO THE TEXT. INDIAN DEL (HEMRAJANI) STATED THAT HE WAS EXPECTING, EARLY NEXT YEAR, SPECIFIC DRAFT LANGUAGE FROM NEW DELHI. MEXICAN DEL (ALVEREZ) ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WAS EXPECTING DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEXICO BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH INSTRUCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE. U.S. AND JAPANESE DELS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING MOMENTUM IN THIS AREA AND, THEREFORE, NEED FOR MEETING DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE. IT WAS NOTED THAT TABLING OF DOCUMENT BY SECRETARIAT DID NOT PRECLUDE ANY DELEGATION FROM SUBMITTING FURTHER AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO THE DRAFT. OTHER DELS AGREED AND INDIAN DEL INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO GET COMMENTS AND LANGUAGE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IT WAS AGREED IN THIS MEETING TO HOLD A 7 PLUS 7 ON DECEMBER 9 TO EXPOSE DRAFT TO OTHER COUNTRIES NOT THUS FAR PARTICIPATING BEFORE IT IS TABLED AS A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT.

4. DRAFTED BY SHELLEY. MCDONALD

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